United Nations S/2013/586

Security Council

Distr.: General
3 October 2013
English
Original: French

Letter dated 2 October 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Mali to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Mali is deeply concerned at the recent wave of terrorist attacks that have taken place in the northern regions of Mali.

On 27 September 2013, unknown individuals launched two grenades at members of the National Guard, who were providing security to Banque Malienne de Solidarité in the town of Kidal.

On 28 September 2013, four terrorists carried out a suicide attack in the military camp in Timbuktu. Six people died in this cowardly attack, two civilians and the four terrorists. The explosion also caused significant damage to property.

On 29 September 2013, Kidal was again rocked by an explosion accidentally caused by a terrorist who was preparing to carry out a suicide attack. At the same time, armed men opened fire on soldiers of the national army, who managed to repel the attack.

This spate of terrorist attacks, undermining the process of open and inclusive dialogue to which the Government of the Republic of Mali has been resolutely committed since 6 September 2013, clearly shows that the fight against terrorism and organized crime in Mali is not over and that the security situation remains fragile throughout the Sahel region.

These multiple terrorist attacks also underscore the need for effective redeployment of the defence and security forces of Mali throughout its national territory, particularly in the northern regions with the support of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, pursuant to Security Council resolution 2100 (2013).

In response to this situation, the Government of the Republic of Mali urges the entire international community to remain actively engaged in support of Mali's counter-terrorism efforts, as indeed has been the case since the start of the Malian crisis.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sékou **Kassé**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

13-49886 (E) 041013 041013

Please recycle